

McLean County Health Department  
56th Annual Report

*Protecting Your  
Health*

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## *Mission Statement*

The purpose of the McLean County Health Department is to fulfill the public interest in assuring conditions conducive to good health and providing leadership in promoting and protecting the health of county residents. The Department shall carry out its mission through:

- 1) assessment and analysis of health conditions;
- 2) development of local health policies;
- 3) prevention and control of disease through health promotion, early intervention and health protection;
- 4) where applicable, enforcement of state laws and local ordinances pertaining to health;
- 5) assurance of access to personal health care services;
- 6) minimizing the adverse impact of diseases and disabilities;
- 7) conducting programs in accordance with Illinois Department of Public Health certification standards for local health departments; and,
- 8) coordination and planning with other entities for a comprehensive community health system.

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# Message from the Director

The events of September 11, 2001 and the unprecedented concentration of anthrax cases that soon followed forever altered our lives and the perception of public health regarding its purpose and importance in this country. In addition to providing basic public health services to the population, public health was charged with the new responsibility of protecting the public's health as part of the homeland security infrastructure. In the past, public health was defined more by what was done to preserve the public's health than by what needed to be done to secure it. Since September 11th, the public health system has undergone an intensive transition from service provider protecting the public in a traditional sense with immunizations, regulation and education, to public guardian prepared to ward off the effects of deliberate, hostile acts of terror.

During the waning weeks of 2002, the McLean County Health Department was called upon by direction of the President of the United States and the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services to begin vaccinating public health workers, critical health care workers, and first responders against smallpox. Although this country has not experienced an active case of smallpox in over 50 years, we were faced with the need to protect ourselves as a nation against the potential threat of weaponized smallpox. At the same time, the department began upgrading its information technology structure by electronically linking to enhanced national disease reporting and surveillance systems. Thus, we continued to reinvent the local delivery of public health in order to prepare ourselves for our future role in better protecting the public's health.

While bioterrorism planning and response consumed time and resources during 2002, the McLean County Health Department continued protecting the public through other means. West Nile virus claimed the lives of 62 Illinois residents. In response, the department developed and implemented a comprehensive West Nile virus plan. Thousands of McLean County residents continued to be immunized against influenza and other vaccine preventable diseases. Recent cases of pertussis and multi-drug resistant tuberculosis served to remind us of the need for vigilant public health surveillance. Our continuous administration of food sanitation services in over 700 McLean County food establishments and during a multitude of special community events protects the public against potentially deadly food-borne pathogens. The provision of chronic disease prevention programs and the assurance of access to health care for children and pregnant women are also examples of sustained intervention approaches necessary to protect the health of McLean County residents.

It is with great pleasure that I invite you to review the accomplishments of the McLean County Health Department in its 56th Annual Report. We stand ready to *Protect Your Health*.

Robert J. Keller  
Director

# *Message from the Board of Health President*

In 1946, the very first steps were taken to improve public health in McLean County through passage of a referendum establishing the McLean County Health Department. From that date forward, the health and lives of McLean County residents improved tremendously. Back then, people centered their appreciation for McLean County Health Department services around the idea that public health was primarily achieved through the provision of immunization clinics, food sanitation inspections, and dental clinics.

Today, threats against our national security and the emergence of infectious diseases have forced people to revisit and alter their perceptions of public health. Those of us serving on the Board of Health have had to reacquaint ourselves with our mission. We have also rededicated ourselves to that mission in an effort to support the Health Department in addressing the potential for bioterrorism while continuing to provide the kind of public health protection McLean County residents expect and deserve.

Over the past 56 years, the public health infrastructure in McLean County has played a critical role in improving the lives of McLean County residents by minimizing and controlling disease, while also overcoming numerous challenges and enduring many changes.

The McLean County Health Department will carry on its tradition of serving McLean County communities in its role as a sentinel protecting public health and actively promoting healthy lifestyles. On behalf of the McLean County Board of Health, McLean County Tuberculosis Care and Treatment Board, the McLean County Board of Care and Treatment of Persons with a Developmental Disability, I am pleased to present the McLean County Health Department 56th Annual Report

Joanne Maitland  
President, McLean County Board of Health

*McLean County Board of Health, Tuberculosis Care and Treatment Board,  
Board of Care and Treatment of Persons with a Developmental Disability*

Top row from left: Joanne Maitland, President\*+, Sue Berglund, Vice President, Cory Tello, Secretary\*+, Dan Steadman, D.D.S.\* Bottom row from left: Eileen Fowles, Ph.D., R.N.C.\*+, Paul Pedersen, M.D., Barb Nathan\*, Jay Willey, M.D.\*

\*Denotes TB Care and Treatment Board Members

+Denotes Developmentally Disabled Persons' Board Members

# *Illinois Project for Local Assessment of Need (IPLAN)*

The Illinois Project for Local Assessment of Need (IPLAN) was instituted in McLean County in 1993 for the purpose of improving the health of all McLean County residents by assessing needs and creating community partnerships to meet those needs. Since June 1999, the McLean County Health Department and the Community Health Advisory Committee have been working to improve the following three priority health problems for McLean County, which were identified in the Community Health Plan for 1999 - 2004:

- 1. Coronary Heart Disease/Heart Disease**  
*(including Cerebrovascular Disease)*
- 2. Cancer**  
*(including Lung Cancer and Breast Cancer)*
- 3. Infant Mortality**  
*(including Low Birth Weight/Very Low Birth Weight and Congenital Anomalies)*

Using a community-based, collaborative approach, the three task forces charged with implementing intervention strategies have been engaged in meaningful efforts to improve the health status of McLean County residents.

The task force members credit much of their recent success to perseverance, consistent health messages, and funding for various health initiatives, as well as community-wide commitment and involvement. Most recent data reveal significant improvement in several areas:

- Reduction in the proportion of 6th and 8th grade students who report having smoked in the past 30 days and past year;
- Continued reduction in the incidence rate of lung cancer in men;
- Steady decrease in the county's infant mortality rate from 8.1/1,000 live births in 1996 to 6.2/1,000 in 1999, with no rate calculable in 2000 because of too few infant deaths. The Healthy People 2010 goal is 4.5/1,000 live births.
- Maintenance of our Very Low Birth Weight rate below the Healthy People 2010 target of 0.9% of births for two consecutive years (1999-2000).

With the combined success of IPLAN efforts currently in place and solid partnerships throughout the community, McLean County will be healthier by the year 2010.

# 2002 Highlights

## Personal Health Services Division

Quality control plays an important role in *Protecting Your Health*. During 2002, the Personal Health Services Division served as a sentinel force for the department to assure that our services enhance and protect the personal health of county residents.

The Communicable Disease Section successfully met federal requirements under the Clinical and Laboratory Improvement Act (CLIA). Through a collaborative effort between the communicable disease section supervisor and the division's quality assurance specialist, a multitude of policies, procedures, and protocol were assembled for inspection during the compliance review. As a result, no material findings were reported. Additionally, the section used innovative marketing strategies to reach county residents at high risk for contracting HIV. As a result, outreach efforts were innovatively streamlined to provide counseling and testing in familiar and convenient settings for the targeted population.

Each year, the Maternal and Child Health Section works to protect health by assuring infants are born healthy and continue to grow and develop properly. The year 2002 was no exception. The Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program achieved an all-time caseload high in 2002 surpassing 2,100 registered clients. As a result, a WIC performance bonus was awarded to the department by the Illinois Department of Human Services, which substantially increased opportunities for McLean County Health Department to provide breastfeeding advocacy services. Federal matching funds were also used to provide Spanish interpreter services in the clinic. The WIC program took advantage of the efficiencies and conveniences brought about by the use of Internet-based nutrition education. Though faced with added pressures of securing and maintaining health care providers at a time when Public Aid reimbursement rates were reduced, the HealthWorks program continued to serve a highly vulnerable population of infants and children taken into protective custody. The Family Case Management program continued to guard Public Aid eligible pregnant women and infants against adverse consequences by assuring well baby visits, immunizations, folic acid consumption, and safe sleeping practices. The Teen Parent Program continued to serve McLean County adolescents during 2002 using assertive school-based approaches. The All Our Kids (AOK) Birth-to-Three program held a community-based strategic planning session

during 2002, which laid the groundwork for future collaborative interventions aimed at improving the health care system for McLean County infants and their families. The Child Care Nurse Consultant program and IPLAN Infant Mortality Task Force also served as protectors of the health and wellness of McLean County children as they joined forces to promote child safety at the Second Annual Child Safety Fair.

The Community Health Services Section provided critical health protection services by coordinating the annual influenza vaccination campaign for high-risk adults. Over 1,700 doses of influenza vaccine were administered to McLean County residents, mostly over the age of 60. Influenza and pneumonia account for 3% of all deaths in McLean County. The section also met the medical monitoring needs of a number of select senior citizens through the home nursing program. Protecting the health of this highly vulnerable population contributed significantly to the community's overall health status.

### *The Personal Health Services Division provided the following services during 2002:*

#### Maternal Child Health Services

Family Case Management (Home Nursing, Teen Parent Services, High Risk MCH follow-up, Childhood Lead Poisoning Case Management)

Families served	1,554
Follow-up contacts	12,434
Kid Care applications	430
Teen Parents served	37
Teen Parent follow-up contacts	860

#### DCFS Medical Case Management

Children served	96
Follow-up contacts	1,542

#### Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention

Screening tests performed	1,402
Assessment questionnaire completed	1,171



## Pediatric Primary Care Services

New and return infants and children for EPSDT (Early Periodic Screening and Diagnosis & Treatment) . . .	3,222
Physical Assessment . . . . .	9
Hemoglobin . . . . .	2,678
Sickle Cell . . . . .	0
Capillary Blood Lead Screening . . . . .	1,402
Denver Developmental Screening (DDST II) . . . . .	2,176
Referrals (Vision & Hearing, Dental, Early Intervention, Smoking Cessation, Physician and Social Services) . . . . .	275

## Child Care Nurse Consultant

Consultations and Presentations . . . . .	282
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## Immunization Clinic

Attendance . . . . .	3,331
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## Immunizations Given:

Polio . . . . .	1,252
DTAP/Td/DT . . . . .	1,412
MMR . . . . .	742
Hib (Haemophilus influenzae type b) . . . . .	96
Hepatitis B . . . . .	935
Influenza . . . . .	1,722
Pneumonia . . . . .	64
Chickenpox Varicella . . . . .	459
Prevnar . . . . .	513
Comvax for Hep B & Hib . . . . .	759

## School Immunization Schedule

	Percent of Students Fully Protected	
	All Schools	Daycares
	01/02	2001
Polio . . . . .	98.52%	**
DTP . . . . .	98.24%	**
Measles . . . . .	98.49%	N/A
Mumps . . . . .	98.69%	N/A
Rubella . . . . .	98.69%	N/A
Hib . . . . .	99.48%	N/A
Hepatitis B . . . . .	90.30%	N/A

\*\*Data not compatible with data for schools.

N/A data not available at time of this publication.

## School Health Education Presentations

Topic	Number of Presentations	Attendance
Growth and Development . . . . .	13	420
Handwashing . . . . .	0	0
Pediculosis . . . . .	2	54
Hygiene . . . . .	5	125
Hepatitis B . . . . .	0	0
Safety . . . . .	0	0

## Home Visits

Home Nursing Program Visits . . . . .	1,285
Nursing Student Home Visits . . . . .	141

## Community Clinic Health Screenings

Number of clinics . . . . .	67
Number of people screened . . . . .	820

## Dental Clinic (children and adult)

Patient clinic appointments (with dentist) . . . . .	1,504
Patient clinic appointments (with hygienist) . . . . .	975
Clinic procedures . . . . .	6,261
School-based sealant clinic children served . . . . .	378
School sealant procedures . . . . .	1,347

## Communicable Diseases Reported to McLean County Health Department

*AIDS . . . . .	6
HIV Antibody Positive (Physician Reported) . . . . .	14
HIV Positive (MCHD Counseling and Testing Program) . . . . .	3
Amebiasis . . . . .	0
*Animal Bites . . . . .	271
Brucellosis . . . . .	0
*Campylobacter . . . . .	17
Chlamydia . . . . .	447
Chickenpox . . . . .	295
Cryptosporidiosis . . . . .	0
*Encephalitis . . . . .	3
*Escherichia coli . . . . .	1
*Giardiasis . . . . .	25
*Gonorrhea:	
Health Department . . . . .	41
Other Providers . . . . .	141
Total . . . . .	182
*Foodborne Illness:	
Botulism . . . . .	0
*Chemical Intoxication . . . . .	0
*Clostridium-perfringens . . . . .	0
Norwalk Virus . . . . .	4
Suspect Case - no etiology identified . . . . .	35
*Hepatitis, viral	
Type A . . . . .	4
Type B . . . . .	3
Type C . . . . .	57
Hepatitis, unspecified . . . . .	0
Herpes Genital . . . . .	0
*Histoplasmosis . . . . .	2
Legionnaires Disease . . . . .	0
Lyme Disease . . . . .	1
Malaria Fever . . . . .	1
*Measles-Clinical Diagnosis . . . . .	0
Measles-Laboratory Confirmed . . . . .	0
*Meningitis:	
Haemophilus-influenza . . . . .	0
Other bacteria . . . . .	6
Viral . . . . .	51
Meningococemia . . . . .	1
*Mumps . . . . .	0
*Other Rash Illnesses . . . . .	0
*Pertussis . . . . .	7
*Rabies Prophylaxis . . . . .	0
Reye's Syndrome . . . . .	0
Rocky Mt. Spotted Fever . . . . .	0
Rubella . . . . .	0
*Salmonella . . . . .	28
*Shigella . . . . .	4
Staph Aureus . . . . .	0
*Syphilis	
Health Department . . . . .	2
Other Providers . . . . .	3
Total . . . . .	5
*Tuberculosis . . . . .	2
*Toxic Shock Syndrome . . . . .	0

\*Indicates diseases for which investigations were conducted by the Communicable Disease Section.

## S.T.D. Clinic

Attendance .....827

## HIV Antibody Counseling and Testing

Anonymous pretest counseling sessions .....447  
 Anonymous tests .....447  
 Confidential tests .....530

## McLean County Tuberculosis Clinic

### Active TB Cases:

New .....2  
 Reactivated .....0  
 Referred from other areas .....0  
 Total .....2  
 TB suspects .....2  
 Patients and suspects hospitalized .....2

### Number of Clinic Visits:

Total number of visits .....5,181  
 Medical consultations .....94  
 Nursing consultations .....347  
 New medication orders .....31  
 Medication refills .....112  
 Directly observed therapy .....257  
 Chest x-rays .....23  
 Tuberculin skin tests - negative .....1,558  
 Tuberculin skin tests - positive .....37  
 Blood chemistry tests .....25  
 Home visits - nurse .....107  
 Hospital visits - physician .....30

### Referrals for TB skin tests from:

Physician .....122  
 Self-referrals .....514  
 Employer .....1,322  
 School .....1,541  
 Child care .....1,000  
 Nursing home .....131

## WIC - Women, Infants and Children Program

Certifications	Total
Pregnant, postpartum and breastfeeding women	1,451
Infants	794
Children	1,761
Total certifications	4,006
(includes duplicates-clients certified every six months)	
Number of clients attending nutrition education	4,839
(includes duplicates-clients certified every six months)	

## Eye Clinic

### Number of Persons Served

Preschoolers and school-aged children .....20  
 Adults .....68

### Preschool Vision and Hearing

Vision	01/02
Total screenings	3,165
Total referrals	5
Hearing	
Total screenings	3,223
Total referrals	1

### Vision and Hearing Screenings

Vision	Screenings 01/02	Referrals 01/02
Bloomington District 87	2,036	*
Normal Unit 5	3,538	*
Rural/Parochial	2,896	158

### Hearing

Bloomington District 87	2,396	*
Normal Unit 5	4,249	*
Rural/Parochial	3,660	8

\*Bloomington-Normal school nurses do all rechecks, absentees, and follow-up activities after Health Department performs the first screening.

## *Environmental Health Division*

*Protecting Your Health* comes in many forms through the Environmental Health Division. When residents of McLean County walk into a local restaurant or drink water from a well, they can feel assured that the sanitarians are working to uphold the various regulations that protect their health.

The Environmental Health Division experienced a number of changes in 2002, particularly regarding the vital role it played in providing West Nile virus surveillance and control.

Following amendments to local ordinances governing geothermal well construction, the division worked in concert with the Illinois Department of Public Health and representatives from the water well drilling industry to seek amendments to state statute in order to create uniformity of regulation throughout Illinois. The division also continued its collaborative venture with the Bloomington-Normal Water Reclamation District, the City of Bloomington, and the Town of Normal in order to improve compliance with grease trap disposal regulations.

McLean County is growing continually. The division made necessary adjustments as new and remodeled food establishments appeared with regularity. And as rural subdivision growth continued, private sewage and potable water regulation was in high demand. Division staff was called upon more frequently to work in collaboration with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency on larger and more complex wastewater treatment systems in rural subdivisions.

## *The Environmental Health Division provided the following services during 2002:*

### **Food Sanitation Program**

Food establishment permits active at year end	699
Total full-time establishment permits issued for year	771
Temporary food permits issued for year	461
Food establishments plans received/reviewed	53
Food product inquiries received	6
Food establishment complaints received	126
Total food sanitation inspections/reinspections	2,649

### **Private Sewage Disposal Program**

Installation permits	319
Total inspections/reinspections	575
System installers licensed	37
Septic tank pumpers licensed	14
Sewage system complaints for year	29
Total other sewage complaints investigated	1

### **Potable Water Program**

Private water sample reports	510
Non-community water supplies	23
Water well installation permits	80

### **Tanning Facility Inspection Program**

Tanning facilities under inspection by MCHD	35
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### **Solid Waste, Nuisances, Pest Control and other Environmental Complaints**

Complaints received	69
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## *Mental Health Division*

Assuring a productive and safe community environment for persons with severe mental illness or developmental disabilities is a prime goal of the McLean County Health Department. Protecting this vulnerable population through the provision of community-based services and residential options allows for maintenance of quality of life.

2002 brought significant changes to the community mental health, substance abuse, and developmental disabilities service system. Limited state resources forced community programs to make adjustments and endure significant restrictions while still providing necessary services to residents. Zeller Mental Health Center and Lincoln Developmental Center were both closed as the Illinois budget crisis deepened. With that, the McLean County Center for Human Services and Marc Center enhanced their existing programs, thus enabling them to provide mental health services to McLean County residents needing community-based services. The McLean County Health Department worked closely with community providers to assure that department funds, in concert with restricted state revenues, would meet basic community needs.

## *The Mental Health Division provided the following services during 2002:*

### Emotional Disabilities

CHS Crisis Intervention-(contacts) . . . . .	5,107
CHS Child & Adolescent Outpatient (client openings) . . . . .	347
CHS Child & Adolescent Screening, Assessment Support (client openings) . . . . .	110
CHS Adult Outpatient (client openings) . . . . .	665
CHS Outpatient Unit 5 Home/School Outreach (average caseload) . . . . .	6
CHS Outpatient Dist. 87 Home/School Outreach . . . . .	13
PATH Crisis - (calls) . . . . .	64,894
PATH Crisis - (referrals to CHS) . . . . .	1,122
ODC MI P.R.O.M.I.S.E. Program (client hrs.) . . . . .	22,475
AVERT Domestic Violence Program (contacts) . . . . .	365

### Developmental Disabilities

MARC 0-3 (average caseload) 377 . . . . .	112
MARC Supported Employment (client hours) 377 . . . . .	23,964
MARC Residential (nights of care) 377 . . . . .	18,562
ODC Vocational Development (client hours) 377 . . . . .	22,927
ODC Extended Employment (client hours) 377 . . . . .	42,474

### Substance Abuse

Chestnut Adolescent Early Intervention (contacts) . . . . .	28,888
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### Prevention

Project Oz Drug Education (clients served) . . . . .	3,740
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### Funding Breakdown

Emotional Disabilities . . . . .	\$539,169
Substance Abuse . . . . .	\$181,641
Developmental Disabilities (377 Fund) . . . . .	\$564,555

## Administrative and Support Division

Implementation of health programs that evoke positive lifestyle behaviors among target populations is the best tool for protecting public health now and in the future. The Health Promotion and Assessment Section worked to accomplish that in 2002 despite significant financial and programmatic fluctuation.

During the first half of the year, funding through the Illinois Tobacco-free Communities Grant enabled staff to deliver tobacco prevention programs to several thousand McLean County children and teens. Additionally, McLean County was selected as one of the Illinois Department of Public Health's *I Decide* program sites, which brought additional tobacco prevention resources to youth in the community. As swiftly as the resources were allocated, they were taken away. By action of the governor's office and state legislature, Master Tobacco Settlement funds were diverted to other state priorities cutting tobacco prevention funds by two thirds. The section worked with local school officials and other community leaders to determine the best possible use of the limited funds and continue tobacco prevention efforts.

The section also focused efforts on preventing heart disease among women with a new funding resource from Illinois Department of Public Health Office of Women's Health. Women throughout McLean County were offered a unique, personalized opportunity to reduce their risk for heart disease with a new health promotion program entitled *Heart Smart for Women*.

Finally, the section continued to coordinate wellness activities for McLean County employees and oversee the overall efforts of three IPLAN task forces addressing the major health concerns for McLean County - heart disease, cancer, and infant mortality.

Animal bites present a threat to the public's health through the transmission of disease and infliction of injury. The Animal Control Program continued to protect the public by preventing the threat of rabies. They worked to accomplish that in 2002 by assuring that dogs were properly vaccinated, responding to reports of stray dogs in residential areas, and investigating nearly 300 animal bite cases.

Discussion of health protection would be remiss without mentioning the support provided by various levels of management and administrative support staff to department programs. During 2002, significant improvements were made to the department's management information system. Communication efforts were improved with the purchase of an

improved cellular phone package. The new package enhanced round-the-clock capabilities and enabled field staff to communicate more effectively with the department's main office.

## *The Administrative and Support Division provided the following services during 2001 and 2002:*

### Animal Control Program

Dogs Vaccinated for Rabies	16,729
Cats Vaccinated for Rabies	7,321
Dog Registrations	15,620
Animal Bite Investigations	312
Animal Control Center Activity:	
Dogs Accepted	772
Dogs Available for Adoption/Transfer	270
Dogs Adopted or Transferred	227
Dogs Reclaimed by Owners	358
*Dogs Euthanized	192
Cats Accepted	510
Cats Available for Adoption/Transfer	234
Cats Adopted or Transferred	175
Cats Reclaimed by Owners	14
*Cats Euthanized	320

\*Includes owner request euthanasia, died and dead on arrival.

### Illinois Department of Public Health Vital Statistics Summary/McLean County 2001

Population	151,878
Live Births	2,041
Infant Deaths (under 28 days)	10
Infant Deaths (28 days to 1 year)	8
All Deaths (except Infant)	989
Heart Disease	290
Cancer	224
Cerebrovascular Disease	65
Respiratory Diseases	81
Diabetes	32
Chronic Liver Disease and Cirrhosis	13
Accidents (including motor vehicles)	34
Suicide	14
Homicide	1

### Health Education Presentations

Topic	Number of Presentations	Attendance
HIV/STD, Pregnancy Prevention	58	963
Tobacco Education	242	3,954
Fitness/Cholesterol/Nutrition	50	291
Dental Health	4	69
Breast Health	33	942
Osteoporosis	16	348
Health Fair/Other	23	6,158
Employee Wellness	8	772

### Health Education and Promotion

Educational Programs	434
Educational Program Participants	13,497
Educational Displays/Special Educational Projects	94
Media Contacts/Articles	316
Promotional Materials Developed/Updated	359
Coalition Building/Community Groups	521
IPLAN Meetings	31



# Protecting Your Health - In Our Own Words



*"In health promotion, I think of protection as educating and empowering our audiences to reduce their risks for various diseases."*

Jan Morris,  
Health Promotion Program Manager



*"One of the many ways we protect people through our WIC program is by educating parents on the importance of offering their children a healthy diet now to instill good eating habits for the future and reduce their risk for childhood obesity."*

Kimberly Dowd,  
Women, Infants & Children (WIC) Program Coordinator



*"I believe in the DCFS Lead Agency system. We serve as a guardian for every foster child and assure that their medical needs are addressed."*

Alisa Sorenson,  
DCFS Coordinator



*"We protect infants and children by teaching parents, grandparents and other caretakers how to provide a safe and healthy environment for them to grow up in."*

Jan Weber,  
Maternal-Child Health Services Supervisor



*"Even though we're preparing to handle potential public health emergencies, we haven't forgotten the importance of the day-to-day activities we perform in the name of Public Health."*

Deborah Berggren,  
Communicable Disease Program Coordinator



*"Public health care providers protect the public by carrying through the important job of controlling communicable diseases and preventing the transmission of infections to other people."*

Chris Shadewaldt,  
Communicable Disease Supervisor



*"By inspecting all retail food establishments, we're assuring a degree of safety to the general public that would be lacking if there was no inspection program in place."*

John Hirsch,  
Environmental Health Director



*"For eleven consecutive years, we've been able to lower our department's tax rate. That, in turn, has enabled us to provide an excellent array of services to protect the people and reduce the financial burden on tax payers."*

Walt Howe,  
Assistant Administrator



*"The very premise of our bioterrorism plan is to protect public health. McLean County residents can rest assured knowing that we've got a solid plan in place designed to protect them."*

Cathy Coverston-Anderson,  
Quality Assurance Supervisor



*"Because of the efforts of our Language Task Force, we've developed contracts with Western Avenue Community Center to provide us with Spanish interpreters. That partnership is helping remove language barriers and improve our ability to protect Hispanic clients. We're very excited about that."*

Karen Mayes,  
Director of Personal Health Services

# *Recognitions*

## *Alice J. Olsson Memorial Employee of the Year Award*

The Alice J. Olsson Memorial Employee of the Year award honors an employee of the McLean County Health Department for outstanding achievement related to public health services in McLean County.

### *Ceci Gaspardo, 2002 Employee of the Year*

Ceci Gaspardo received the 2002 Alice J. Olsson Memorial Employee of the Year award. Ms. Gaspardo is an office support specialist II and has been with the Health Department for 8 years. She was presented with the award for offering Spanish/English interpretive services for each division of the department in addition to her regular duties providing office support for maternal and child health services. Perceived by coworkers as irreplaceable and compassionate, Ms. Gaspardo was acknowledged in her role as a senior staff member for mentoring new and seasoned office support specialists, which helped them adjust and succeed in their positions. She also received recognition for her willingness to provide assistance beyond the scope of her responsibilities and beyond typical workday hours. Her outstanding contributions in 2002 improved the efforts of McLean County Health Department employees and the department's ability to provide vital public health services to Hispanic clients.



# Recognitions

## Public Health Award

Each year, the McLean County Health Department sponsors the McLean County Board of Health Public Health Award. The award honors a McLean County resident who has furthered public health principles and practices and provided valuable service to county residents. The nominee's public health contribution can be either professional or occupational as a volunteer or in a paid capacity.

### *Jennifer Palmer, 2002 Public Health Award Winner*

Jennifer Palmer was awarded the McLean County Board of Health's 2002 Public Health Award for her efforts to increase awareness of HIV risks and prevention among African American residents in McLean County. Ms. Palmer was honored for promoting the principles of public health in a volunteer capacity. Her efforts had an especially positive impact on the health and wellness of the parishioners in African American churches throughout Bloomington-Normal. Ms. Palmer was noted for her success in organizing a local observance of The Black Church Week of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS through the Balm in Gilead organization, which underscores the role churches play in addressing the AIDS crisis. In conjunction with the McLean County Health Department, Ms. Palmer coordinated an ongoing series of HIV counseling and testing clinics at Mount Pisgah Baptist Church in Bloomington. She also initiated a wellness program in her own church, which she plans to expand in the future. Her dedication and generous efforts have empowered the community in the fight against HIV and other serious diseases.

### *Past Public Health Award Winners*

*2001 Vicki Tilton* - was honored with the award for helping cancer patients cope with the cosmetic and social ramifications of the disease and its treatment by coordinating a wig bank and providing specialized cosmetic care for chemotherapy patients.

*2000 Gerry Decker* - was presented with the award for promoting public health and wellness, as a volunteer with various local agencies, in areas ranging from communicable disease to maternal and child health as well as mental health.

*1999 Marilyn Evans* - received the award for her efforts to establish the McLean County Affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, creating a supportive local connection between breast cancer patients and the foundation.

*1998 Stephen Doran, DMD; Jack Capodice, MD, DMD; and David Efaw, MD, DDS* - were presented with the award for improving access to dental care for indigent county residents and for coordinating free dental clinics.

*1997 Ruth Ann Sikora* - was recognized for her significant contributions to help provide services for medically indigent residents of McLean County.

*1996 Harold C. Ryan* - was presented with the award for helping plan and develop the Community Health Care Clinic's free dispensary and for providing volunteer support at the clinic.

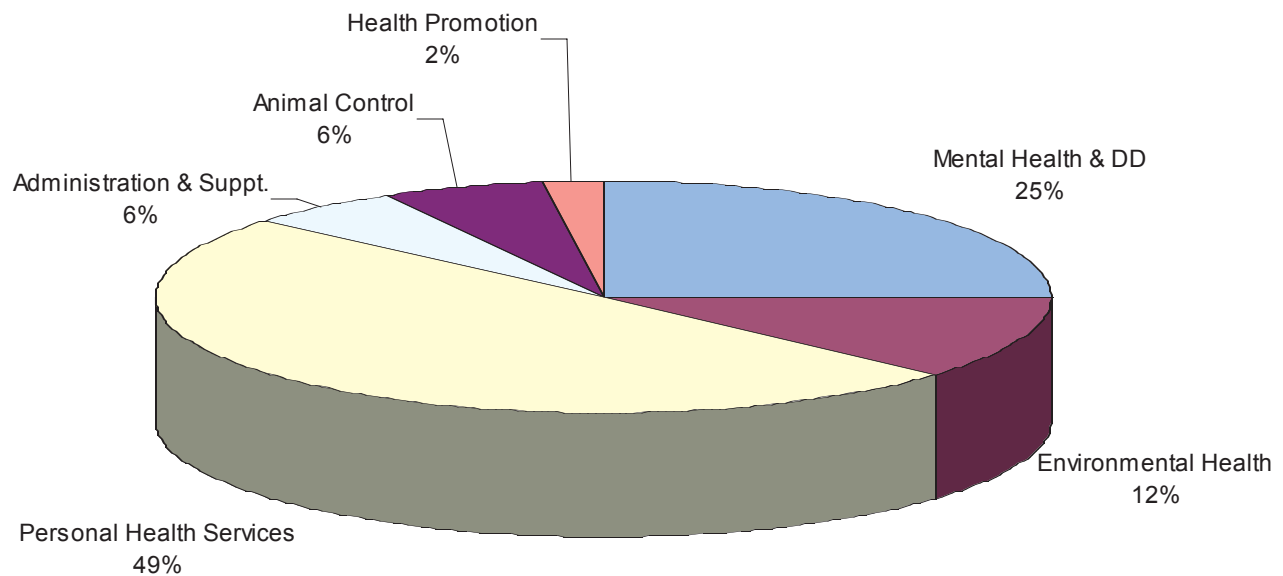
*1995 Myrna Eiben* - received the award for contributions she made to the Unit 5 school health program and for volunteering with area organizations.

*1994 Barbara J. Nathan and Deborah S. Smith* - both received the award for aiding in the development of a community-based prenatal clinic that provides services for low-income women.

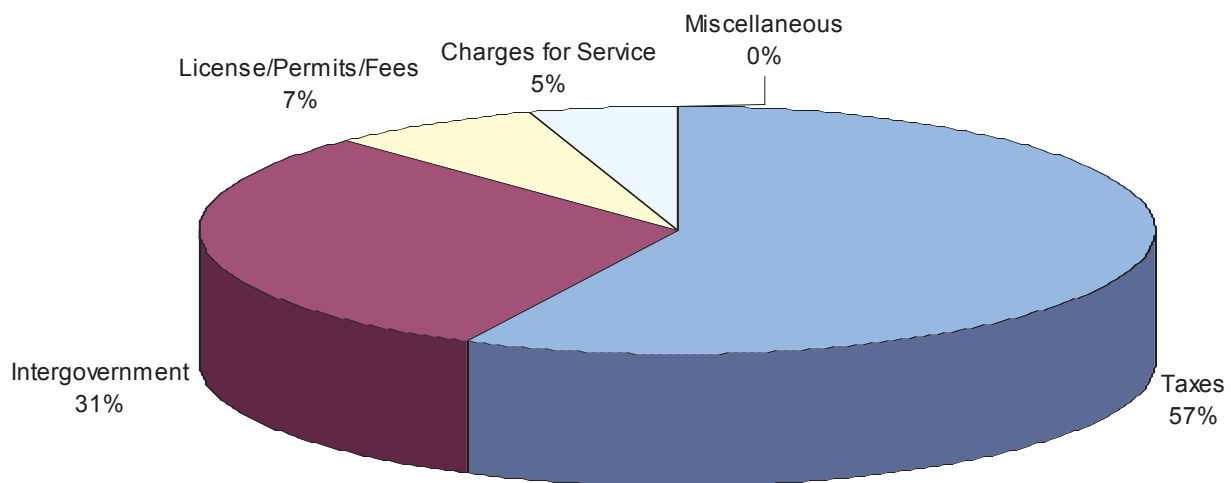
*1993 Dan Steadman, DDS* - was awarded for providing free preventive, restorative, and emergency dental care to low income adults and children in McLean County.

# McLean County Health Department

## Expense by Category



## Revenue by Category



*Financial Statement*

*January 1, 2002 through December 31, 2002*

# Staff

## Administration

Robert J. Keller, Director  
Walter Howe, Assistant Administrator  
Nancy Hannah, Office Support Specialist II  
Chrystle Haacke, Accounting Specialist I  
Vera Price, Accounting Specialist I  
Donalda Voss, Administrative Support Supervisor II  
Michelle Wait, Office Support Specialist I

## Animal Control

Randy Brunswick, County Veterinarian  
Peggy Gibson, Animal Control Director  
Bill Clark, Animal Control Manager  
Martine Berger, Office Support Specialist I  
Ryan Bevers, Animal Control Warden  
Brett Emberton, Animal Control Warden  
Connie Hanson, Animal Control Warden  
Arthur McBurney, Animal Control Center Operator  
Elliot Sedgewick, Animal Control Warden  
Marshall Thomson, Animal Control Warden  
Deena Wood, Animal Control Warden

## Health Promotion and Assessment

Jan Morris, Health Promotion Program Manager  
Kathleen Davis, Public Health Communication Specialist  
Jackie Lanier, Health Promotion Specialist  
Connie Montague, Administrative Specialist  
Carolyn Rutherford, Health Promotion Specialist  
Kyresa Westbrook, Intern

## Environmental Health

John Hirsch, Environmental Health Director  
Tom Anderson, Environmental Health Program Supervisor  
Larry Carius, Environmental Health Program Supervisor  
Scott Cook, Staff Sanitarian  
Peg Cummings, Office Support Specialist I  
Angela Engel, Staff Sanitarian  
Linda Foutch, Staff Sanitarian  
Mark Gramley, Staff Sanitarian  
John Hendershott, Senior Sanitarian  
Ted Logan, Staff Sanitarian  
Roxanne Matthews, Office Support Specialist II  
Michelle Ogren, Staff Sanitarian  
Joe Pisano, Staff Sanitarian

## Personal Health Services

Karen Mayes, Director of Personal Health Services  
Joyce Lansford, Community Health Services Supervisor  
Chris Shadewaldt, Communicable Disease/Health Program Supervisor  
Jan Weber, Maternal-Child Health Services Supervisor  
Deborah Adekoya, Communicable Disease Investigator  
Joyce Adelekan, Case Manager  
Deborah Berggren, Communicable Disease Program Coordinator  
Carol Bucher, Clinic Nurse  
Leslie Carmack, Clinic Nurse  
Heather Cavinder, Office Support Specialist I  
Trish Cleary, Clinic Supervisor  
Cathy Coverston-Anderson, Quality Assurance Supervisor

Charlotte Cramer, Office Support Specialist I  
Marilyn Cunningham, Public Health Nurse  
Kimberly Dowd, Women, Infants & Children Program Coordinator  
Hannah Emerson, Office Support Specialist I  
Deborah Fedor, Clinic Nurse  
Phyllis Ford, Vision and Hearing Technician  
Jackie Funk, Vision and Hearing Technician  
Ceci Gaspardo, Office Support Specialist II  
Heidi German, Public Health Nurse, CCNC  
Conni Groves-Cunliffe, Case Manager  
Vicki Hall, Public Health Nurse  
Shelly Hart, Peer Counselor  
Mary Hill, Public Health Nurse  
Sara Holthaus-Weidemier, Supervising Office Support Specialist  
Denise Hunt, Case Management Supervisor  
Jean Israels, Public Health Nurse  
Jane Jesse, Public Health Nurse  
Deb Junis, Nutritionist  
Sue Kean, Clinic Nurse  
Carmilyn Lesemann, Communicable Disease Investigator  
Susan Lukovich, Vision and Hearing Technician  
Laurie Mayberry, Office Support Specialist I  
Marie McCurdy, Case Manager  
Jeannine Montgomerie, Communicable Disease Investigator  
Didi Orendorff, Office Support Specialist I  
April Pankey, Office Support Specialist I  
Lisa Popejoy, Office Support Specialist I  
Sophie Rebert, Case Manager  
Barbara Rivard, Public Health Nurse  
Bev Roberts, Public Health Nurse  
Heidi Sauer, Office Support Specialist I  
Donna Sieg, Communicable Disease Investigator  
Jennifer Smith, Office Support Specialist I  
Maureen Sollars, Zero to Three Coordinator  
Alisa Sorenson, DCFS Coordinator  
Geri Stuart, School Health Consultant  
Patricia Stewart, Public Health Nurse  
Julie Sullivan, Office Support Specialist II  
Annette Thoennes, Office Support Specialist I  
Tamara Thoennes, Case Manager  
Faye Wickliffe, Clinic Nurse  
Rachel Zehr, Vision and Hearing Technician

County Physician/Medical Advisor:  
Kenneth Inoue, M.D.

Tuberculosis Program Medical Director:  
David Skillrud, M.D.

### Dentists:

Jonathan Hume, D.D.S.  
John Van Scoyoc, D.D.S.

Stacey Van Scoyoc, D.D.S.  
Melinda Zaayenga, Dental Hygienist

In addition to internal operations, Health Department administrative and professional staff participate on various state and local committees, task forces, coordinating councils, and network organizations.

### *Local:*

Bloomington Municipal Credit Union Board  
Bloomington Plumbing Board of Appeals  
BroMenn Healthcare Advisory Board  
Community Health Advisory Committee  
Community Health Care Clinic Board  
Community Youth Liaison Council  
Cornbelt Health Educators Association  
Healthy Communities Task Force  
Heartland Coalition for Youth and Families  
Heartland Headstart Health Advisory Committee  
Human Services Council  
John M. Scott Commission  
Livingston-McLean Counties Mental Health Planning Committee  
Marc Human Rights Committee  
March of Dimes Health Professional Advisory Committee  
McLean County AIDS Task Force

McLean County Children and Adolescent Local Area Network (Mental Health)  
McLean County Compact Board  
McLean County Compact Clearinghouse Committee  
McLean County Disaster Council  
McLean County HIV Prevention Forum  
McLean County Local Interagency Council  
McLean County Mental Health Association Board  
McLean County Red Cross Disaster Committee  
McLean County Senior Citizen Providers Task Force  
McLean County Solid Waste Management Technical Committee  
McLean County Volunteer Coordinator's Association  
Normal Plumbing Board of Appeals  
United Way Day Care/Preschool Committee  
United Way Health Allocations Panel

### *Regional/State/National/International:*

Air and Waste Management Association  
Association for Professionals in Infection Control  
American Public Health Association  
American Society on Aging  
Association of Community Mental Health Authorities of Illinois  
Illinois Association of Boards of Health  
Illinois Association of Local Environmental Health Administrators  
Illinois Association of Public Health Administrators  
Illinois Conference on Tuberculosis and Lung Disease, Inc.  
Illinois Diabetes Advisory Council  
Illinois Environmental Health Association

Illinois Groundwater Association  
Illinois Public Health Association  
Illinois Public Health Improvement Project Committee  
Illinois Public Health Nurse Administrators  
Illinois Society for Public Health Education  
International Association of Food Protection  
McLean County Telecommunity Task Force  
National Association of City and County Health Officers  
National Environmental Health Association  
National Sanitation Foundation (NSF)  
North Central Association of Food and Drug  
Public Health Futures Illinois  
Region 6 HIV Prevention Community Planning Group

### *Community Health Advisory Committee*

Lucinda Beier  
ISU/Applied Social Research Unit

Bruce Boeck  
Chestnut Health Systems

Diana Cristy  
BroMenn Healthcare

Carolee Hansen  
BroMenn Healthcare

Lyn Hruska  
American Red Cross

Ernie Lambert  
AARP, McLean County Chapter

Barb McLaughlin-Olson  
Heartland Community College

Marion Micke, Ph.D.  
ISU/Department of Health Sciences

H. Catherine Miller  
Heartland Community College

Ruth Ann Sikora  
Bloomington Township

James L. Williams  
Agrability Unlimited

Pam Womack  
Child Care Resource & Referral Network

McLean County Health Department Members:  
Cathy Coverston-Anderson, Kathleen Davis, Heidi German,  
Bob Keller, Jackie Lanier, Joyce Lansford, Karen Mayes, Jan  
Morris, Jan Weber







*"Complacency is perhaps the cardinal sin for those charged with protecting public health. Infectious diseases, once thought conquered, are always marshalling their forces ready to strike back in the face of reduced vigilance. Recent years have demonstrated the remarkable potential for nature to generate new threats particularly when major changes are taking place in the human habitat and in behaviour."*

Liam Donaldson writing in Journal of the Royal Society for the Promotion of Health 2001;  
121:146-151